

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone Jan. 8-11, 2019 among a random national sample of 788 adults with 58 percent reached on cell phones and 42 percent on landlines. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of 4.5 percentage points, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by SSRS of Glen Mills, Pa.

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress) and (Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and Republicans in Congress) or (Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/19	53	29	13	2	4

Compare to:

As you may know, the federal government might have to partially shut down later this week if (Trump and Republicans in Congress) and (Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about immigration and border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and Republicans in Congress) or (the Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/18/18	48	28	18	1	5

2. Have you personally been inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government, or not? (IF YES) Has it been a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?

	---- Yes, inconvenienced ----					
	NET	Major	Minor	No op.	No	No opinion
1/11/19	18	7	10	1	82	1
10/20/13*	22	11	11	0	78	*
1/7/96*	12	4	8	NA	88	*
1/3/96	12	5	6		88	1
11/19/95	12	6	6	"	88	*

*Phrased in past tense

3. How much of a problem, if at all, would it be if the government shutdown continues for several months? Would this be a crisis, a serious problem but not a crisis, or would this not be a serious problem?

	A crisis	A serious problem but not a crisis	Not a serious problem	Not a problem (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/19	38	41	18	1	2

4. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/11/19	42	29	13	54	15	38	4
1/18/18	34	25	9	63	11	52	3
9/21/17	37	27	10	62	9	53	1
1/15/17	37	25	12	60	13	47	3
9/8/16*	34	24	10	63	11	52	3

*Do you support or oppose building a wall across the entire U.S. border with Mexico? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

5. (ASK IF OPPOSE THE WALL OR NO OPINION/REFUSED) Do you think Democrats in Congress should continue to refuse funding for a border wall even if it extends the government shutdown, or should they compromise on this to end the shutdown?

	Dems should refuse funding	Dems should compromise	No opinion
1/11/19	48	45	7

4/5 Net table:

	Support border wall	NET	----- Dems should refuse funding	----- Dems should compromise	No op.	No opinion
1/11/19	42	54	27	23	4	4

6. (ASK IF SUPPORT THE WALL OR NO OPINION/REFUSED) Do you think Trump should continue to demand funding for a border wall even if it extends the government shutdown, or should he compromise on this to end the shutdown?

	Trump should demand funding	Trump should compromise	No opinion
1/11/19	52	41	7

4/6 Net table:

	NET	----- Trump should demand funding	----- Trump should compromise	No op.	----- Oppose border wall	No opinion
1/11/19	42	24	16	2	54	4

7. Presidents can declare a state of national emergency, giving them special powers to take action without approval from Congress. Do you support or oppose Trump using emergency powers to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	----- Support Strongly	----- Somewhat	NET	----- Oppose Somewhat	----- Strongly	No opinion
1/11/19	31	25	6	66	14	51	4

8. Do you think the situation with illegal immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border is currently a crisis, a serious problem but not a crisis, or not a serious problem?

	A crisis	A serious problem but not a crisis	Not a serious problem	Not a problem (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/19	24	47	26	1	1

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a...

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/18	31	26	39	1	3
11/1/18	32	25	35	4	4
10/11/18	33	26	35	4	2
8/29/18	33	25	37	3	3
4/11/18	32	25	35	5	3
1/18/18	31	23	40	4	2

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News and is a random sample adults of the United States, including interviews in English and Spanish. This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document unless otherwise noted. These questions were part of an "omnibus" survey in which other questions were asked before or after these questions.

A dual frame landline and cellular phone telephone sample was generated by Marketing Systems Group (MSG) using Random Digit Dialing procedures. Interviewers called landlines cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 329 interviews completed on landlines and 459 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 284 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for differential chances of being selected due to landline and cellular phone access and household size. Weighting also corrects for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples.

The overall adult sample is weighted using a raking procedure to match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education, race/ethnicity, marital status, and population density according to Census Bureau estimates. The sample is also weighted to match phone estimates of the share of the population who are cell phone-only, landline-only and mixed user populations according to the National Health Interview Survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.5 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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